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Reply To: OCE-133

**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. Roger Golladay  
Operations Project Manager  
Little Goose Lock and Dam  
1001 Little Goose Dam Road  
Dayton, Washington 99328

Re: Clean Water Act Section 308 Information Request

Dear Mr. Golladay:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sends this request for information as part of its investigation of the release of hydraulic oil from the navigation lock of Little Goose Dam into the Snake River, discovered on May 2, 2015.

Congress has provided EPA the authority to request this information under Section 308 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1318. Please send the requested information no later than 30 days from your receipt of this letter to Kate Spaulding, Mail Code OCE-133, at the address listed above. Please certify the answers. We have enclosed an example of a certification form that you may use for this purpose.

You may claim that EPA should treat any of the requested information as confidential. Such a claim must follow the procedures in 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. EPA will disclose the information covered by such claim only as allowed by that subpart. Making a confidentiality claim does not guarantee that EPA will agree that the information should be kept confidential. If a confidentiality claim is not submitted with the requested information, EPA may make the information available to the public without notice. You are required to provide the requested information even if you claim it to be confidential.

Please note that failure to provide all information requested, failure to adequately explain the basis for such failure, or making any false material statement or representation in response to this request for information constitutes a violation of Section 308 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1318, and may result in civil penalties of up to \$37,500 per day of violation. In addition, criminal consequences are possible in the case of deliberate false statements. See 33 U.S.C. § 1319; 18 U.S.C. § 1001. If you have questions regarding this request, please contact Kate Spaulding, Enforcement Officer, at (206) 553-5429.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Edward J. Kowalski", is written over a printed name.

Edward J. Kowalski  
Director

Enclosures

1. Information Request
2. Statement of Certification

cc w/enc: Mr. Donald Redman  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District

Mr. Richard Franklin  
U.S. EPA Region 10, Oregon Operations Office

## **INFORMATION REQUEST**

### **Instructions**

1. With your response, please provide copies of any documents you have relied upon or used to answer this request, even if you believe they may have been submitted to EPA previously by you or anyone else. Please indicate on each document the question(s) to which it pertains.
2. If information or documents become known or available to you after responding to this request for information, you must supplement your response to EPA as soon as possible. Moreover, if you determine at any time after responding that any portion of the submitted information is false or misrepresents the truth, you must notify EPA as soon as possible and provide EPA with a corrected response.
3. Please respond to each request to the extent possible. For anything you cannot answer, please explain why.

### **Definitions**

Unless otherwise specified, all terms used in this request shall have the same meanings as in 33 U.S.C. §§ 1321 and 1362.

### **Request/Questions**

1. Provide the following business information:
  - a. Facility Name
  - b. Name of Owner(s)/Operator(s)
  - c. Business NAICS and/or SIC codes
2. Provide EPA with any information the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has pertaining to the May 2, 2015, release of hydraulic oil from Little Goose Dam into the Snake River. This information should include: photographs, spill response reports/summaries, spill investigative reports/summaries, etc.
3. Please provide dates and times for the discovery of the spill followed by when it was secured.
4. Has the equipment in question been repaired, or is there a schedule for repair and/or replacement?
5. Describe the response actions taken by all parties involved to clean up the spill.
6. Describe any measures taken by the company to address/fix the cause of the release and to prevent future reoccurrence. This information may include: changes in operations, repair or replacement of equipment, drainage systems, etc.
7. Include a copy of the Little Goose Dam Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) or Best Management Practices (BMPs) for spill detection, notification, and response. Provide justification for the 2-day delay in notification to the National Response Center (NRC).

## STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

I certify, under the penalty of law, that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

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Signature

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Date

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Print Name

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Title